

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

National Health Mission – Free Diagnostics - Providing of Free Diagnostics Services in Ananthapur District – Pilot Project – Sanctioned – Orders – Issued.

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HEALTH, MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (E2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 17

Dated:19.02.2015.

Read:-

From the Mission Director, NHM, Hyd Lr. Rc.
No.52/SPMU/NHM/2014, dt.18.01.2015.

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ORDER:

The Mission Director, National Health Mission, A.P, Hyderabad in his letter read above has stated that it is endeavour of the Government to provide Universal Health Care to all the people in the State. Provision of Free Diagnostics and Free Medicines are main objectives for achieving the Universal Health Care. Presently diagnostic services are being provided at free of cost through 11 Teaching Hospitals, 9 District Hospitals, 30 Area hospitals and 190 Community Health Centres .

2. A detailed situation analysis was conducted in the referral hospitals and teaching hospitals on laboratory diagnostics reveals the following gaps:

- a. All the Primary Health Centres are not providing basic tests required for the primary care.
- b. First Referral hospitals are not providing all the tests for MCH care and other speciality care such as Orthopaedics, Surgery etc.
- c. Patients are being referred to outside for diagnostic which results in huge out of pocket expenditure to the people.
- d. Main reasons for this are non availability of equipment, non maintenance of existing equipment and non provision of funds for reagents, consumables and kits.

3. Above all Service standards have not been defined in Public Health Facilities like assured quality and Timely delivery of results.

4. In recent meetings with DMHOs and Specialists, it is felt that Clinical Standards will improve if Scientific Diagnosis is done and results are available within a stipulated period. Correct Diagnosis will help specialists to put the patient on right treatment leaving no scope for presumptive treatment. This not only saves precious time in saving life but also gains confidence of patients in Government institutions.

5. To bridge the existing gaps in the system and to have detailed understanding on various intricacies involved in implementing Diagnostics on Public Private Partnership models it is suggested to roll out a pilot in most backward Ananthapur district covering one (1) District Hospital Hindupur and one (1) Area Hospital Kadri, 4 CHCs at Raidurgam, Kalyandurgam, Gutti (Gooty) and Penugonda. The pilot

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assures 57 Diagnostics Tests to all the patients visiting District Hospital Hindupur and Area Hospital Kadri. Pilot also assures 36 Diagnostics Tests to all the patients visiting CHCs Raidurgam, Kalyandurgam, Gutti (Gooti) and Penugonda. All the tests will be conducted in accordance with IPH Standards and with defined service standards. The pilot is suggested to be carried out for 3 to 4 months in all these 6 locations during which data on OP, Number and Percentage of Out Patients requiring Diagnostics, Frequently prescribed Diagnostics, cost of reagents, per test cost etc can be obtained. District Collector was consulted in selection of above health facilities.

6. The proposed pilot not only provides access to Free Diagnostics to all the needy patients but also will utilise all the existing equipments in above institutions so that only additional equipments will be brought by the service provider. Pilot also will utilise the services of existing Lab technicians and their skills will be upgraded as they will get access to State-of-Art equipment and they will be incentivised for better performance. Thus the Fixed and Operational costs shall be reduced to that extent.

7. Expression of interest have been called from Interested firms to explore the potential for a PPP to deliver health diagnostics services in the state of Andhra Pradesh with a pilot project for 3 months in the district of Ananthapur. Govt of AP intend to provide Ultrasonography, Xray, ECG, lab tests in all PHC, CHCs, Dist., Hospital at Hindupur. Proposals have been received from three organizations i.e., Maitri Diagnostics Pvt Ltd., Incor Hospitals Pvt Ltd., and Medall Healthcare Pvt. Ltd., willing to partner with government of Andhra Pradesh on PPP terms with following quotations:

Sl. No.	Name of the firm	Amount quoted
1	Maitri Diagnostics Pvt Ltd.,	12.5 % premium above CGHS Hyderabad 2014 rate card
2	Incor Hospitals Pvt Ltd.,	15 % premium above CGHS rates
3	Medall Healthcare Pvt Ltd.,	0% premium above CGHS rates.

8. The Mission Director, National Health Mission has requested the Government to accord permission to commence pilot in Ananthapur District.

9. The Government have examined the proposal in detailed and noticed that this pilot study will facilitate the Government to improve quality health care. Today diagnostic service facilities are not of equal standards in a guaranteed manner across the State. This is often, felt that they are not reliable and they are not helping well trained medical personnel to provide needed service in Government hospitals. Therefore, it is needed to implement guaranteed diagnostics services as a policy in the State. This policy requires some field data and also to understand the challenges involved. The pilot study is not meant to displace the Lab Technicians who are on government rolls, but it is to enable Government to establishing sound parameters, which would enable the Department to identify the work being done by the Lab Technicians.

10. Accordingly, Government have decided and hereby ordered to provide free diagnostics in selected P.H.Cs, C.H.Cs and Area Hospitals in Ananthapur District as Pilot Project under National Health Mission Grants by involving Government/ contracted or outsourcing employees for a period of 3 – 6 months as maximum to understand the impact on improving Lab Services through a hub and spoke model with the help of M/s MEDall HealthCare Pvt. Ltd., Chennai.

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11. The Commissioner Health and Family Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad is requested to make a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with M/s MEDall Health Care Pvt. Ltd., Chennai for implementation of this Pilot Project.
12. At the end of implementation of Pilot Project, the Commissioner Health and Family Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad is requested to analyse complete analysis and furnish detailed report whether there is scope for expanding this project in the entire State.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

L.V. SUBRAHMANYAM,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Commissioner Health and Family Welfare, A.P., Hyderabad.
The Managing Director, National Health Mission, A.P., Hyderabad.
The District Collector, Ananthapur District.
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